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Thief. Goddess. Headmistress. Queen. The X-Man called STORM has always defied a single title. And her desire to better the world has never been limited to only her own kind.

STORM



PREVIOUSLY...

Mourning the death of her teammate and lover, Wolverine, Storm went to the aid of their mutual acquaintance Yukio, hoping to gain a sense of closure by concluding some of Logan's unfinished business. However, Storm was unprepared to find Yukio the leader of four warring clans in Las Vegas, the tentative peace kept only through the institution of combat in an underground fight club to settle disputes. And even more distressing to Storm: upon learning of Wolverine's death, Kuva, head of the Breakworld Clan, challenged Yukio for her seat of power, hoping to extend the clans' activity across the globe...forcing Storm to either serve as Yukio's champion in battle or leave her friend to a near certain death!

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LET IT BE
WRITTEN:

KUVA OF
BREAKWORLD
CHALLENGES
BOSS YUKIO FOR
LEADERSHIP OF
THE FOUR
CLANS...

...SO THAT
INSTEAD OF FIGHTING
FOR *SCRAPS*, WE CAN
CRAWL OUT OF OUR
CAVES AND SEIZE THE
WORLD'S GREATEST
THRONES!



NOW IF
YOU HAVE NO
CHAMPION TO
FIGHT FOR
YOU, LITTLE
BOSS--

STORM!

DAMMIT,
YUKIO...

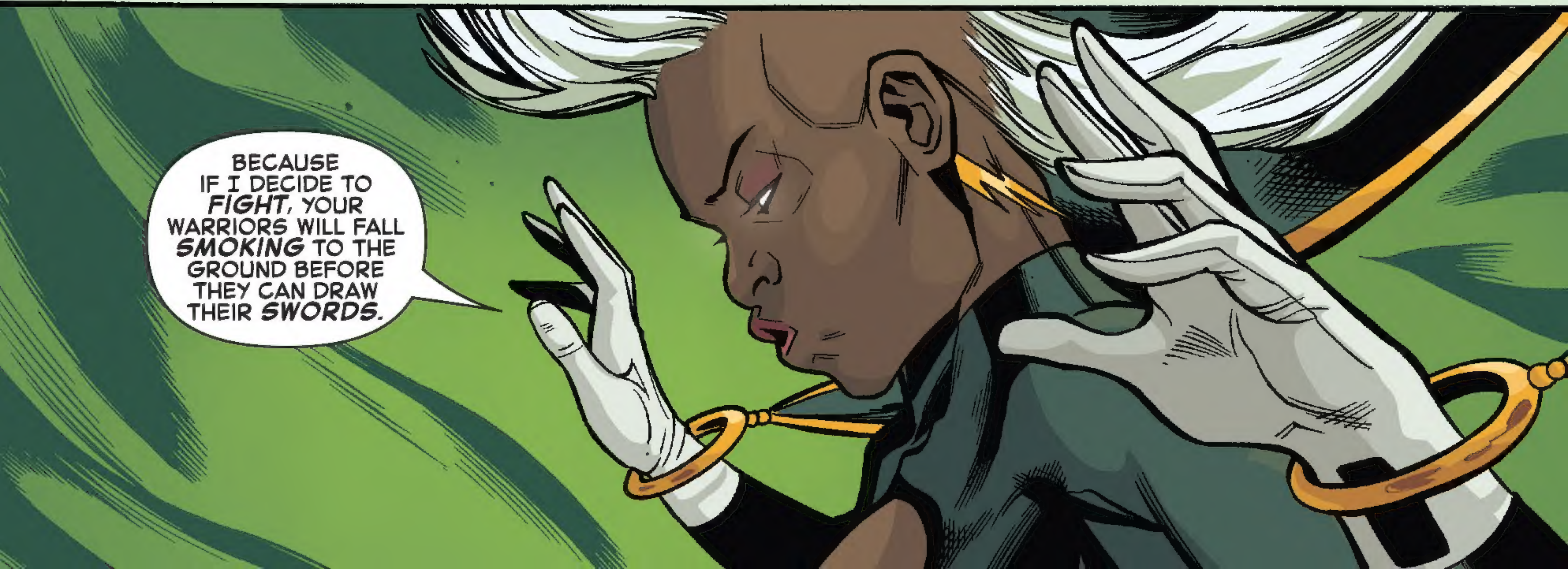
...I CAME TO MOURN
WOLVERINE'S DEATH...



...NOT WITNESS
YOURS.

WAIT,
KUVA!

GIVE
UP THIS
CHALLENGE!



BECAUSE
IF I DECIDE TO
FIGHT, YOUR
WARRIORS WILL FALL
SMOKING TO THE
GROUND BEFORE
THEY CAN DRAW
THEIR *SWORDS*.



SO YOU DO HAVE A CHAMPION, YUKIO.

FINE.

WE'LL MEET IN THE DESERT AT SUNSET.

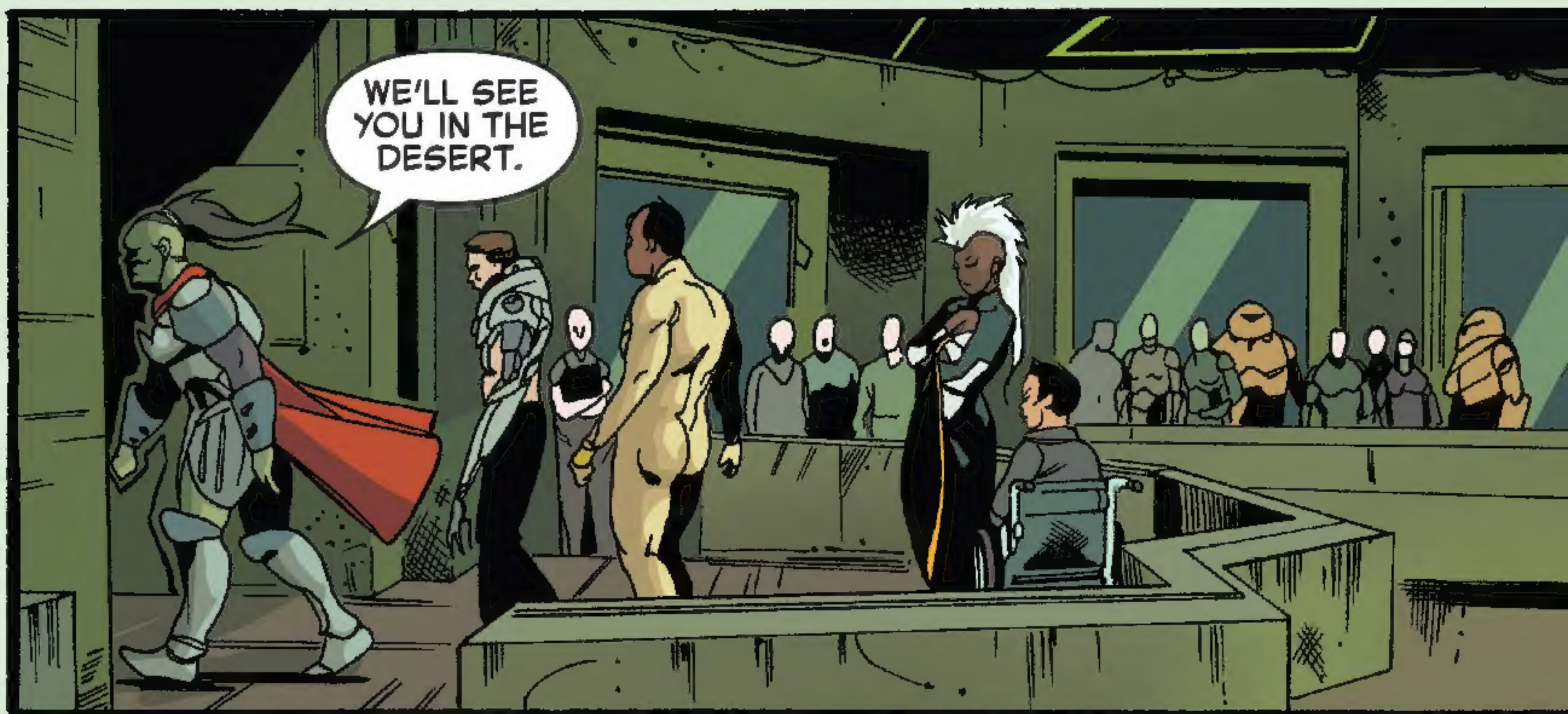


WAIT. I SAID **WITHDRAW** YOUR CHALLENGE! YOUR WARRIORS CAN'T BEAT ME!

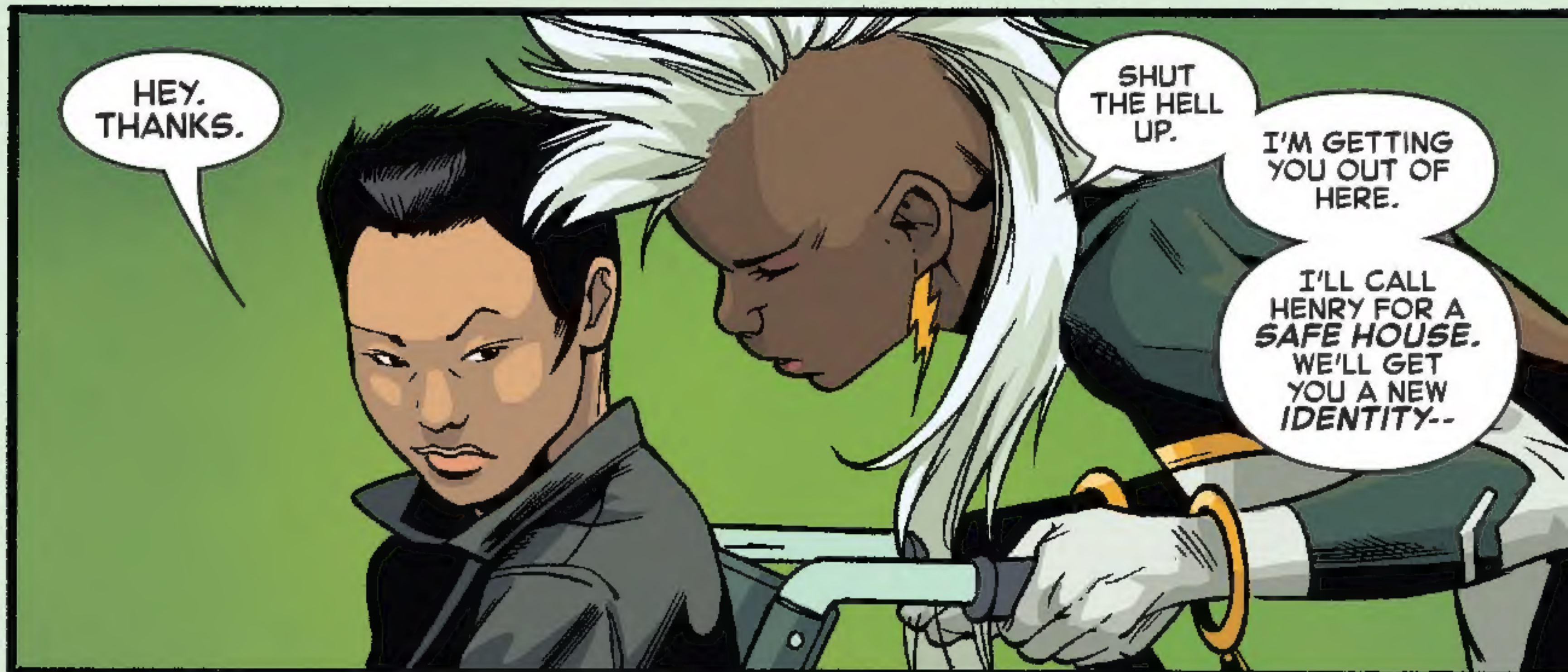
IF YOU KNEW HOW TO **USE** YOUR **POWER**, I MIGHT **BELIEVE** YOU, ORORO MUNROE.



BUT IF YOU KNEW HOW TO USE YOUR POWER, I'D ALREADY BE DEAD, WOULDN'T I?



WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE DESERT.



HEY. THANKS.

SHUT THE HELL UP.

I'M GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE.

I'LL CALL HENRY FOR A SAFE HOUSE. WE'LL GET YOU A NEW IDENTITY--



OH, HELL, NO.

YUKIO--

YOU SAID YOU'D DO WHATEVER **WOLVERINE** DID FOR ME.

WELL, THIS IS IT. AND IT **WORKS**.



WHEN THE CHAMPIONS FIGHT, IT KEEPS THE CLANS' BUSINESS UNDERGROUND, PREVENTS CIVILIANS FROM GETTING HURT.

NOW IF YOU WANT TO FINISH WOLVERINE'S BUSINESS--

DAMMIT, YUKIO! I'M NOT A KILLER!

AND I DON'T LIKE GETTING TRICKED INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S FIGHTS!



...

FINE.

THEN FLY AWAY.



AND WE'LL JUST LET KUVA SEIZE THE FOUR CLANS AND TAKE OVER THE WORLD.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.

DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT SHE SAID? "SEIZE THE THRONES"--

I DON'T CARE WHAT SHE SAID. THIS IS JUST A RING OF CRIMINALS.



TEN MINUTES AGO, YOU WERE FIGHTING OVER WHO GETS CONCESSION RIGHTS ON AN A.I.M. BASE.

IF KUVA'S STUPID ENOUGH TO TRY FOR SOMETHING BIGGER...

...SHE'S GOING TO LEARN YOU DON'T START REVOLUTIONS WITH A BUNCH OF THUGS AND MOBSTERS.



THAT DOESN'T MEAN SHE WON'T KILL THOUSANDS WHILE TRYING.





**THE MOJAVE
DESERT.**

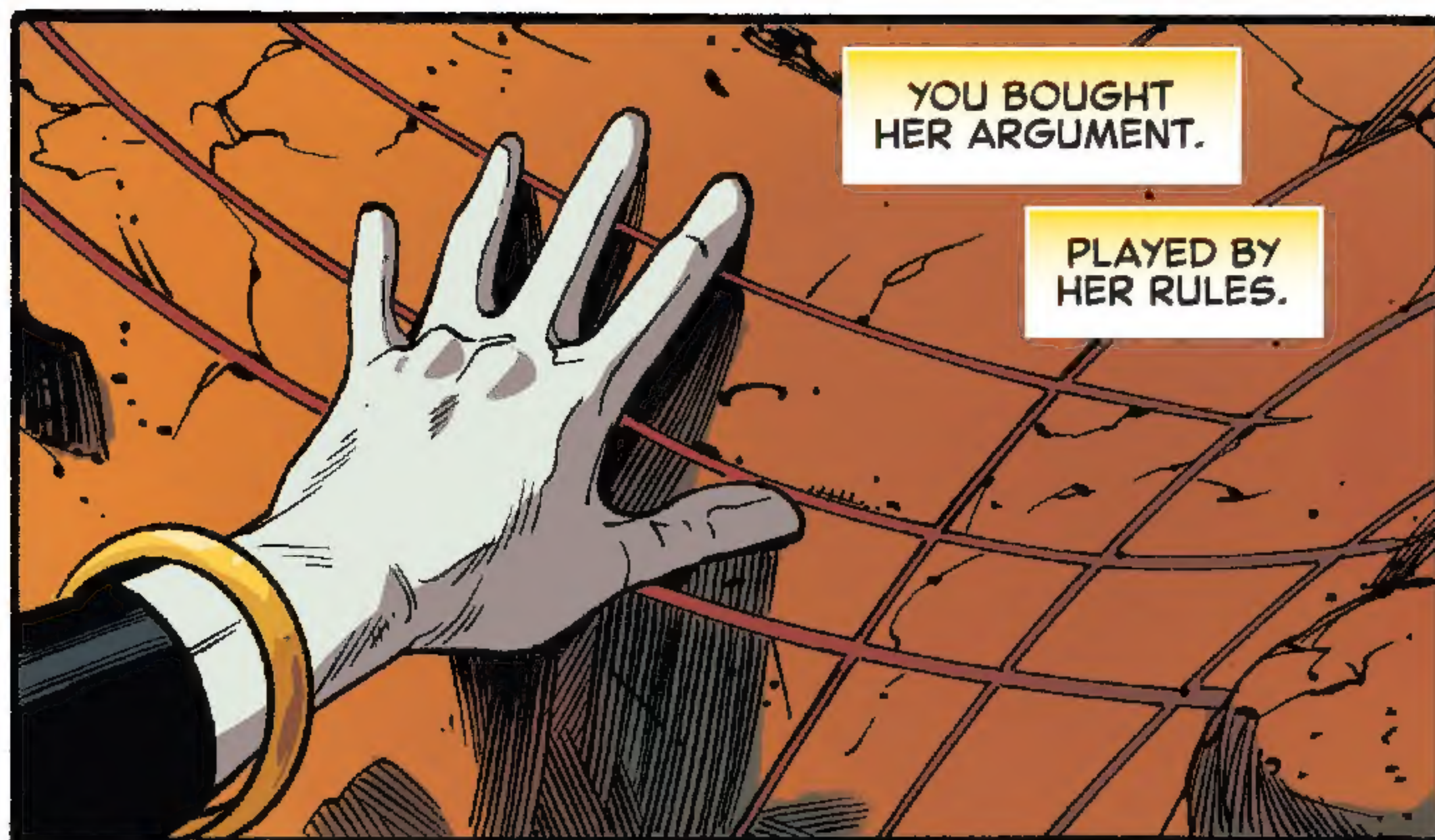
THIS IS
WHERE THE
FOUR CLANS
HOLD THE
BIGGEST
FIGHTS.



IF YOU
SEE ANYTHING
YOU LIKE, HELP
YOURSELF.



YOU REALLY WERE
HERE, WEREN'T
YOU, LOGAN?



YOU BOUGHT
HER ARGUMENT.

PLAYED BY
HER RULES.



AND THEN YOU DIED
WITHOUT TELLING ME A
DAMN THING ABOUT IT.



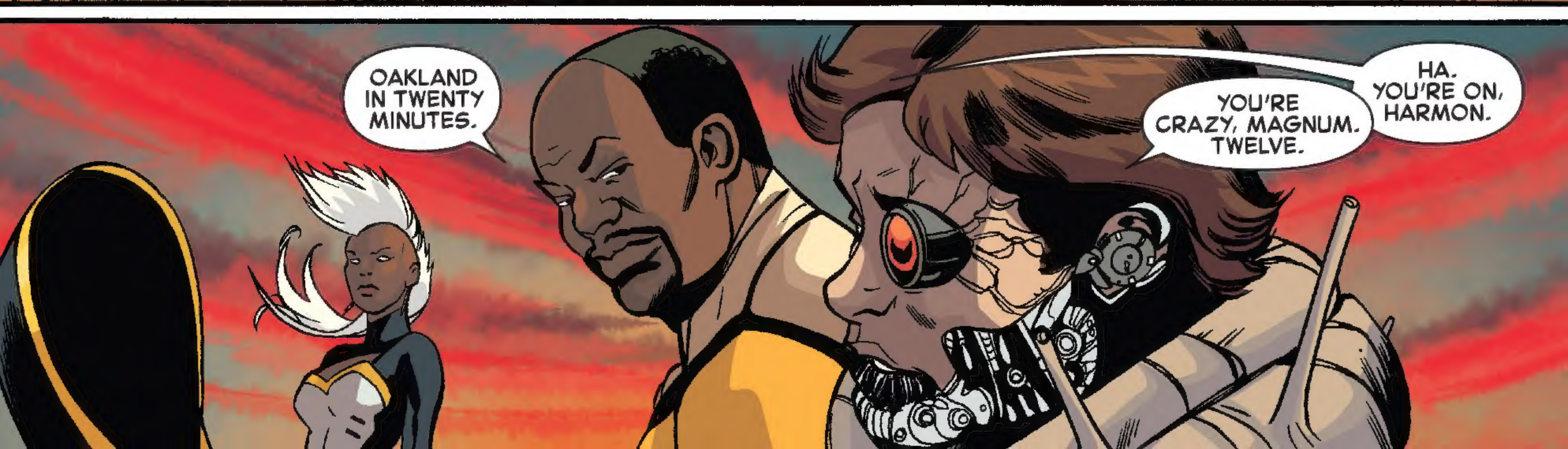
ORORO...

I DON'T
NEED ANYTHING
HERE.

THEN
LET'S GET ON
WITH IT.



GRAAAAAAGH!

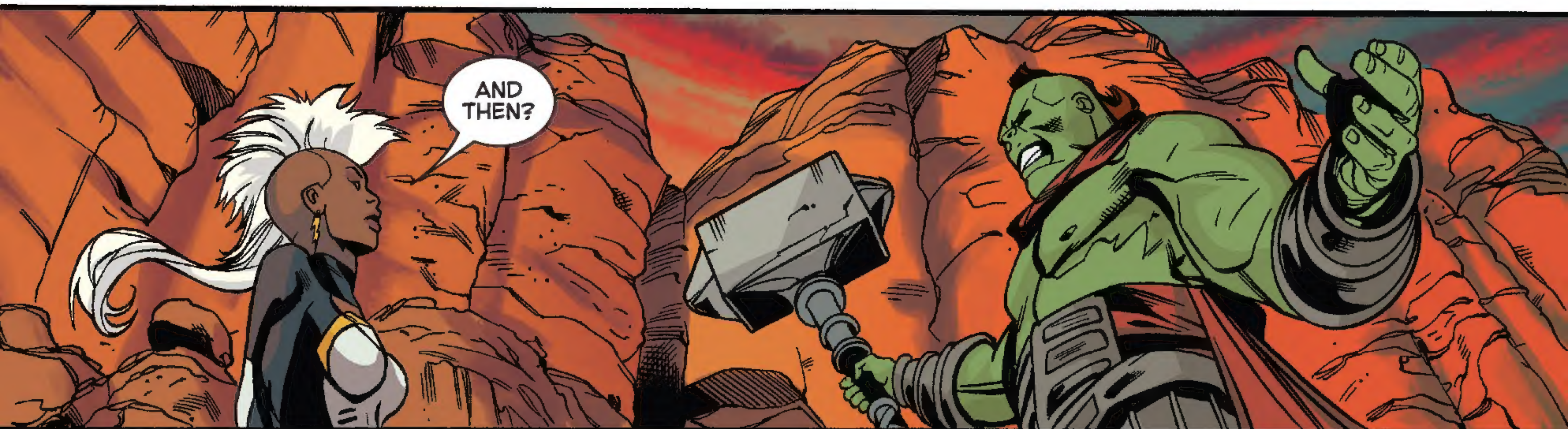




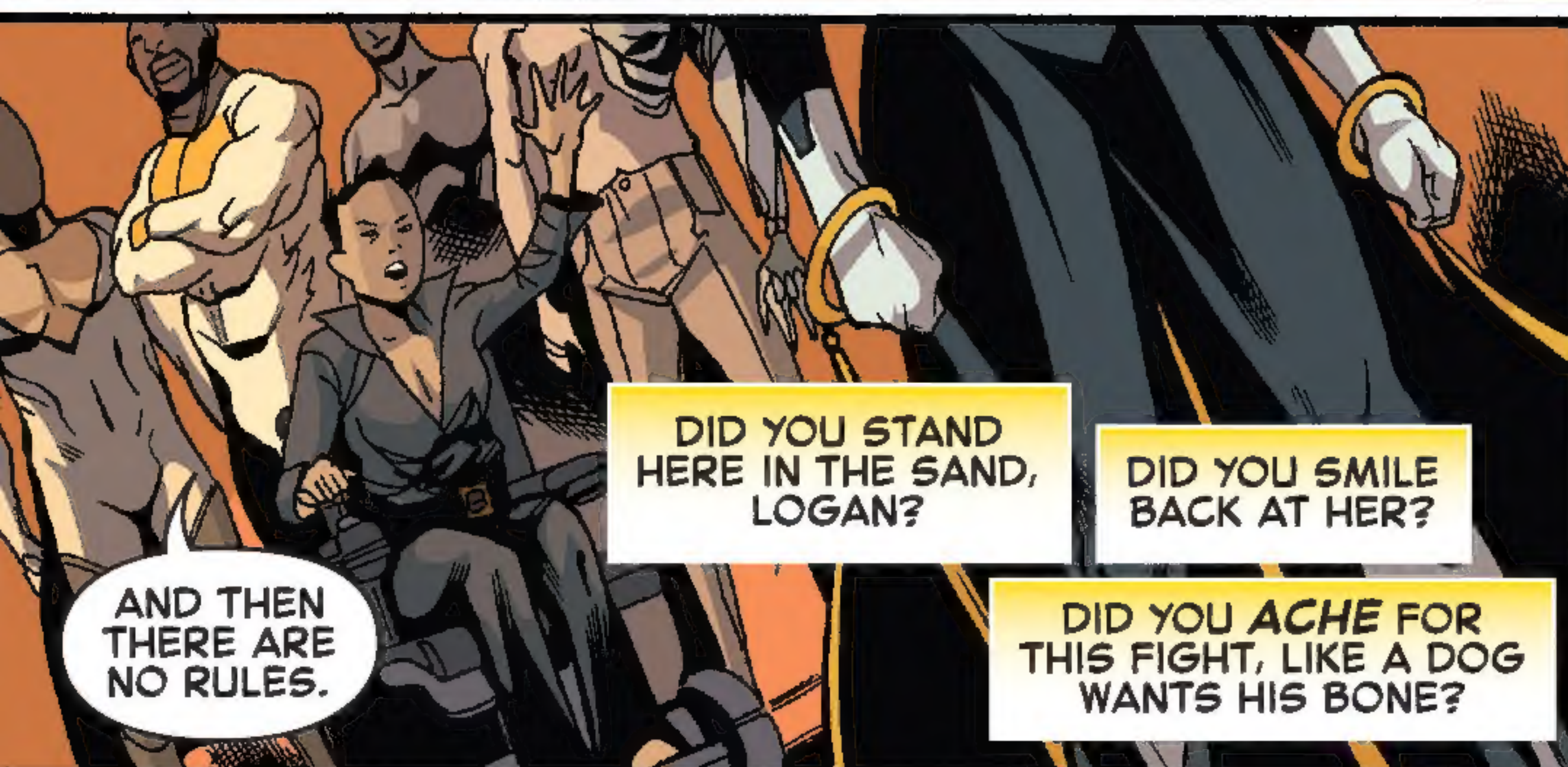
ALL
RIGHT. FORMAL
CHALLENGE. BY
THE BOOK.

THESE
ARE THE
RULES.

THE TWO
CHAMPIONS HEAD
IN OPPOSITE
DIRECTIONS UNTIL
THE SUN SETS.



AND
THEN?



DID YOU STAND
HERE IN THE SAND,
LOGAN?

DID YOU SMILE
BACK AT HER?

AND THEN
THERE ARE
NO RULES.

DID YOU **ACHE** FOR
THIS FIGHT, LIKE A DOG
WANTS HIS BONE?



THAT'S WHAT
SHE WANTS ME
TO THINK.

THAT'S HOW SHE
WANTS ME TO
REMEMBER YOU.



BUT I REMEMBER
THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

GAH-RAN.
I WON'T SAY
GOOD LUCK,
BUT...



HNN.



SOMEONE IN THE CROWD ACTUALLY CHUCKLES.

GAH-RAN TURNS AWAY. ALMOST... EMBARRASSED FOR ME.



THEY THINK IT'S ALREADY OVER.

SHE'S WEAK. JUST LIKE YOU.

WHATEVER!



ALL RIGHT. FIFTEEN.

SEVEN.



FINE.



SUNSET'S COMING.

LET'S GO.

HEY, I KINDA WANT TO WATCH THIS.



WHAT PART OF "THERE ARE NO RULES" DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?



THEY SHOULD
BE **TERRIFIED**
OF ME.

I COULD WIPE
GAH-RAN OFF
THE MAP IN A
HEARTBEAT.

BUT THEY KNOW
I'M LOOKING FOR
ANOTHER WAY.



BUT IF YOU'RE THE
MAN I **KNOW** YOU
WERE, LOGAN...

...SO WERE
YOU.



YOU STARED AT
THE SETTING SUN.

YOU RAN YUKIO'S WHOLE
MESS THROUGH YOUR
HEAD, AGAIN AND AGAIN.

YOU FOLLOWED
THEIR RULES.

YOU KEPT
THE PEACE.

BUT YOU KNEW
YOU HAD TO **STOP**
IT, SOME DAY.

SO WHAT WERE
YOU WAITING
FOR?

YOU WERE **HURT.**
SICK. GROWING
WEAKER EVERY
DAY...



...BUT I'M NOT.

GAH-RAN!



THE SUN HASN'T SET!
YOU'D BREAK OUR ONLY RULE, MUTANT?



ACTUALLY, I'M HOPING TO BREAK THEM ALL.
WE DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT, GAH-RAN.



THIS SYSTEM IS INSANE.
HOW MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS DIED LIKE THIS?
HOW LONG UNTIL YOUR TIME RUNS OUT?



THEY'RE WATCHING US RIGHT NOW, YOU KNOW.

WHO CARES?



YOU AND I ARE THE STRONGEST WARRIORS HERE.
IF WE SAY NO, WHO COULD MAKE US?



I UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU'RE
TRYING TO DO.

BUT IF
I REFUSED
TO FIGHT...



"...KIVA WOULD
BREAK ALL BONDS
WITH MY FAMILY.

"MY SISTER'S
CHILDREN WOULD
DIE IN THE STREET."



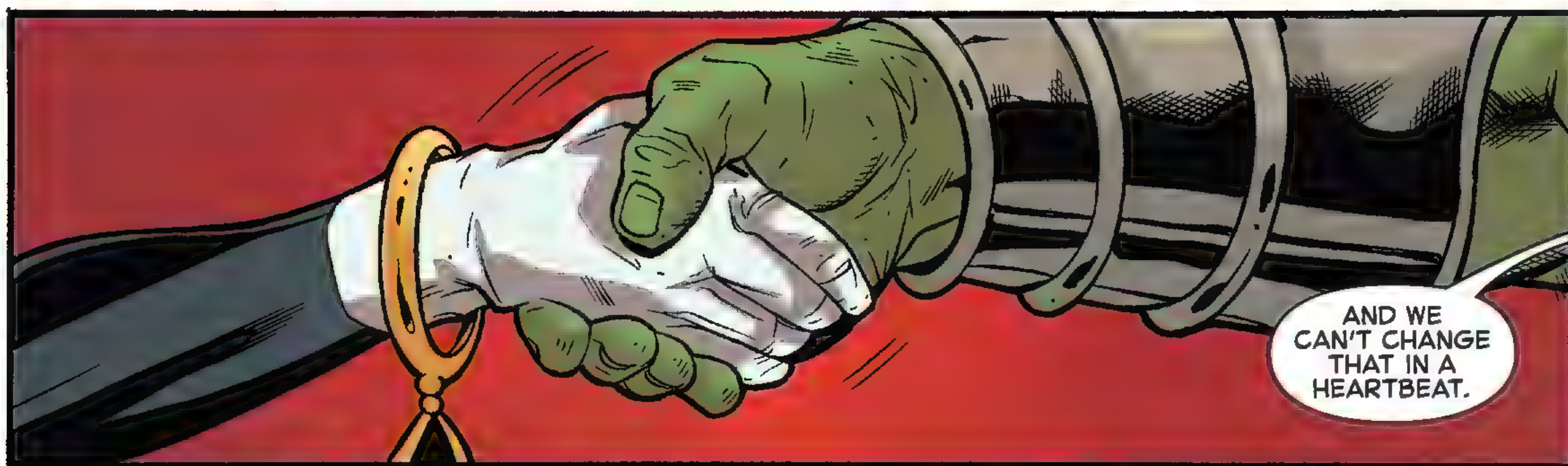
THAT...
DOESN'T SOUND
PARTICULARLY
FAIR.

THAT'S
WHAT WOLVERINE
SAID.

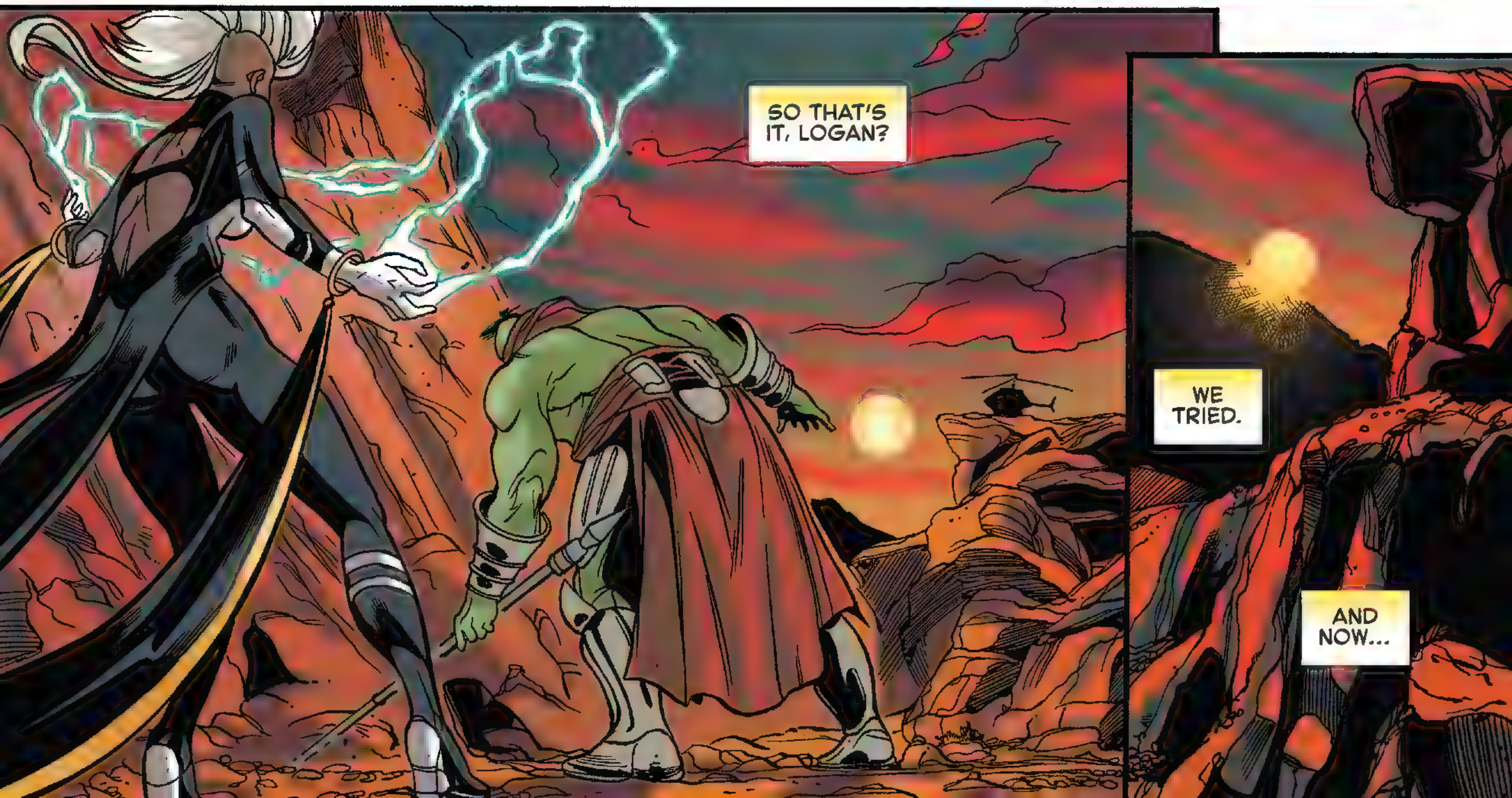
HE...
CAME TO
YOU?

YES. BUT
AS I TOLD
HIM...

...IT'S THE
WAY MY WORLD
WORKS.



AND WE
CAN'T CHANGE
THAT IN A
HEARTBEAT.

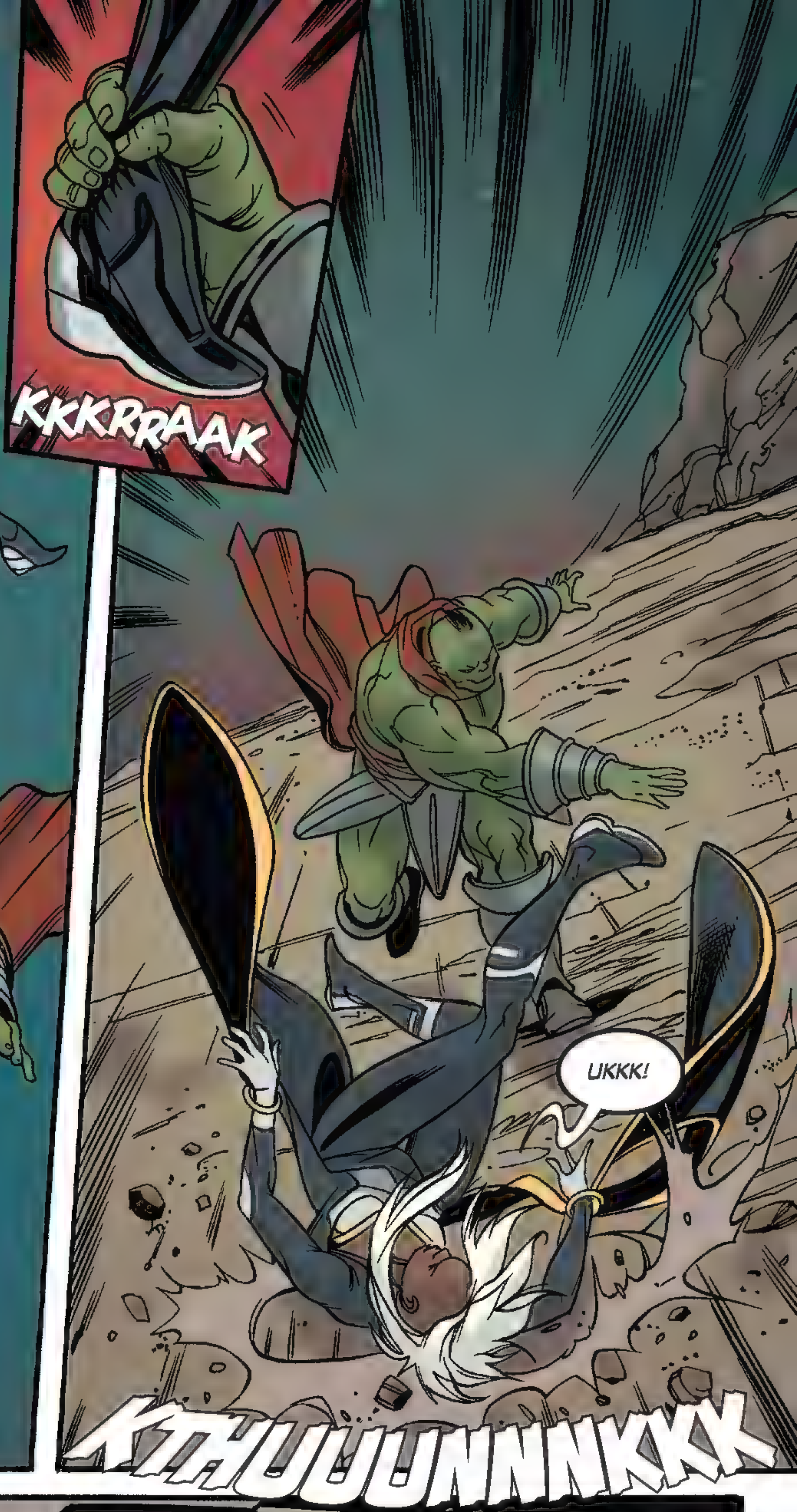


SO THAT'S
IT, LOGAN?

WE
TRIED.

AND
NOW...







НУАААА!

SSSSKKKKTTT



GAH!



MY TURN.



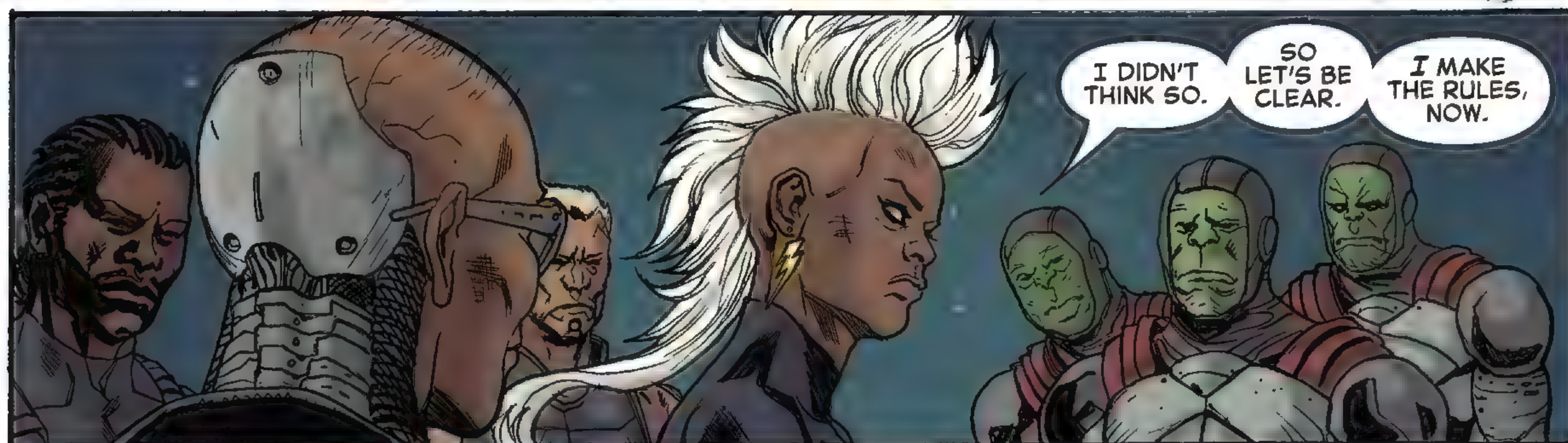
AAAAGH!





YES, I
LET HIM
LIVE!

BUT DOES
ANYONE HERE
WANT TO
FIGHT ME?



I DIDN'T
THINK SO.

SO
LET'S BE
CLEAR.

I MAKE
THE RULES,
NOW.



CAN YOU
STAND?

WHY--
WHY AM I
ALIVE?

WOLVERINE
WAS RIGHT,
GAH-RAN.

WE
CAN CHANGE
THINGS.



JUST
WATCH.

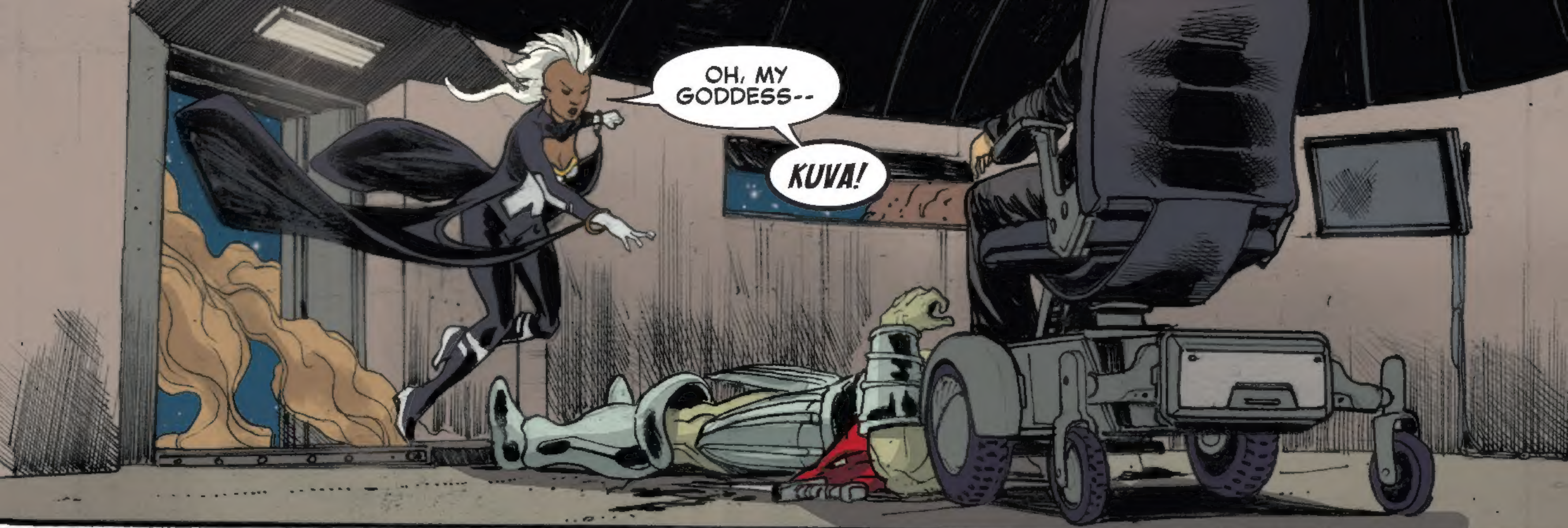


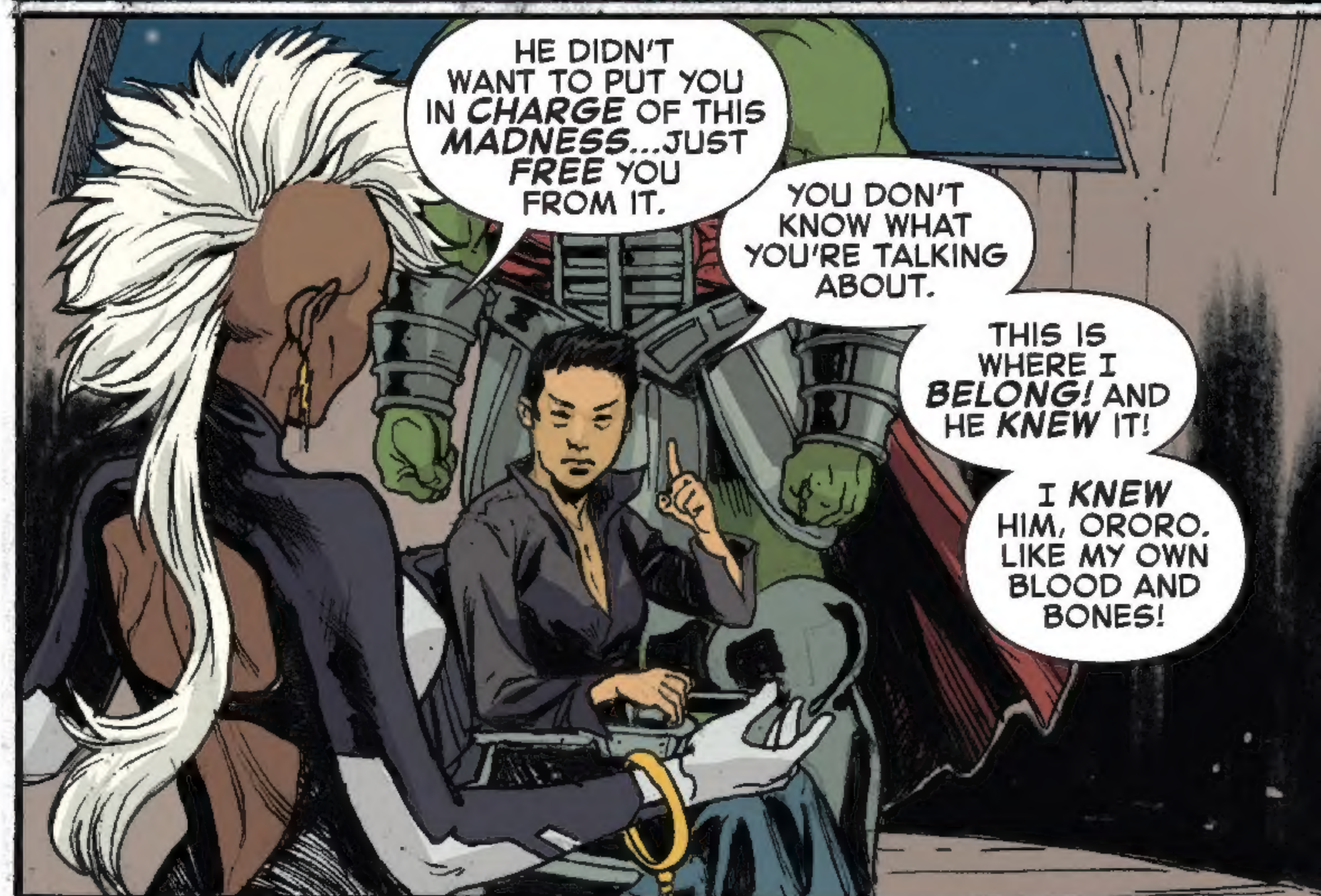
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ORORO.

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